

GENERAL ORDER No. 118

**Public Utilities Commission of the
State of California**

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF WALKWAYS ADJACENT TO RAILROAD TRACKAGE AND THE CONTROL OF VEGETATION ADJACENT THERETO.

Adopted April 9, 1963 Effective April 29, 1963

IT IS ORDERED by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California that each railroad corporation operating in the State of California shall file its standards for the construction, reconstruction and for the subsequent maintenance of walkways adjacent to its tracks as hereinafter required and any future changes or revisions thereof in accordance with the following provisions and shall hereafter, in the construction and reconstruction of its tracks and walkways, observe its standards filed with the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this order:

1. The standards of each railroad corporation operating in the State of California for the construction or reconstruction of walkways adjacent to its tracks shall be filed with the Commission for its approval not later than thirty days after the effective date of this order.

2. Each railroad corporation operating in the State of California shall file with the Commission any change or reissue of its standards for the construction and reconstruction of walkways adjacent to its tracks. No change or reissue of any such standard shall become effective less than five days after approval thereof by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve or disapprove any standard, change or reissue within sixty days after the filing thereof, the change or reissue shall be deemed to be approved. If the Commission disapproves a proposed standard within the sixty day period, the railroad or railroads submitting such standard may file formal application thereafter to the Commission for approval of said standard.

3. The standards of each railroad corporation shall contain provisions for reasonably safe and adequate walkways adjacent to its tracks in all switching areas, and shall provide that all such walkways shall be maintained and kept reasonably free from vegetation as may be appropriate to prevailing conditions, and shall provide for abatement of weeds and brush adjacent to walkways as necessary to prevent the growth of objectionable vegetation encroaching upon such walkways.

4. Each railroad corporation shall furnish the Commission with the name and address of an appropriate general officer, or officers, to whom

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complaints relating to the provision and maintenance of walkways pursuant to this order may be reported.

5. The Commission, after hearing, may order the railroad corporation to eliminate any unsafe walkway condition and may specify such reasonable time within which the improvement shall be completed as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

6. Each railroad corporation operating within the State shall pursue a program of improvement of walkways in all switching areas where a substantial amount of switching is performed, along its main, branch and industrial trackage toward substantial conformity with its standards filed with the Commission pursuant to this order.

7. Deviations from the filed standards or the provisions of this order may be authorized by the Commission for any specific installation for good cause upon application by a railroad corporation; which application shall include a full statement of the conditions which prevail at the time and place involved, and reasons why deviation is deemed necessary.

This order shall be effective April 29, 1963.

Approved and dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of April, 1963.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

By: R. J. PAJALICH, Secretary

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Standards Filed by Carriers Subject, to General Order 118

**STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION
OF WALKWAYS AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF**

Reconstruction shall mean the use of more than 50% of material such as ties, ballast or fill or more than 50% of the current capital cost of the improvement.

Where such standards would be in conflict with General Order 26-D, the provisions of General Order 26-D shall apply.

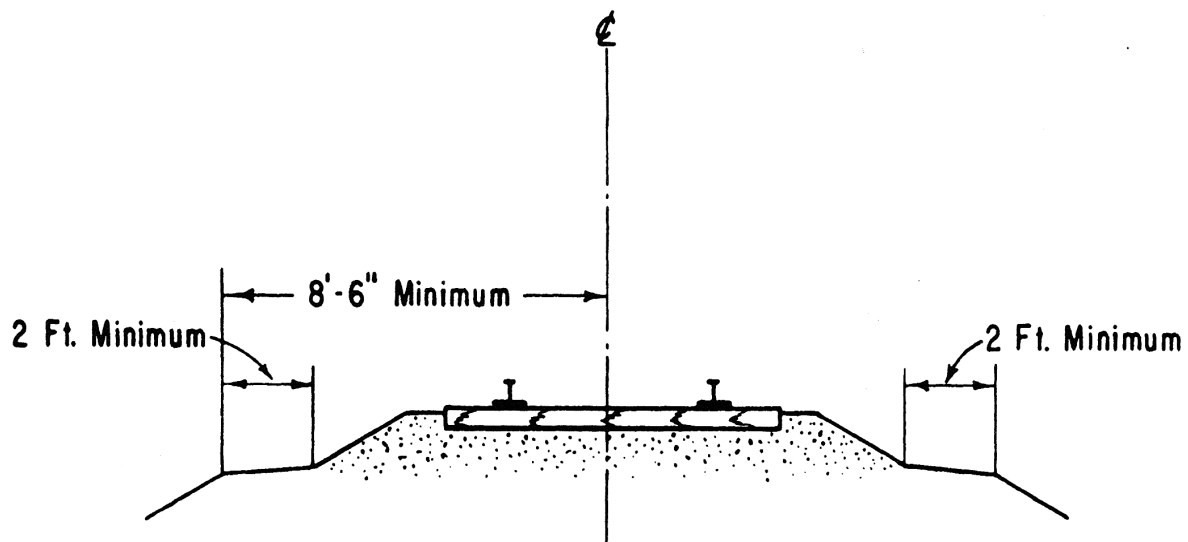
These standards shall not be applicable to:

(1) Tracks in streets or tunnels, existing bridges, grade separation structures, ferry slips, road crossings, trestles, cattle guards, tracks adjacent to walks, abutments, platforms, pillars and structures where minimum widths are otherwise provided for in General Order 26-D.

(2) Within cities, towns, populated or congested areas where insufficient width of right of way is available, except these standards shall apply to the full width of the right of way available.

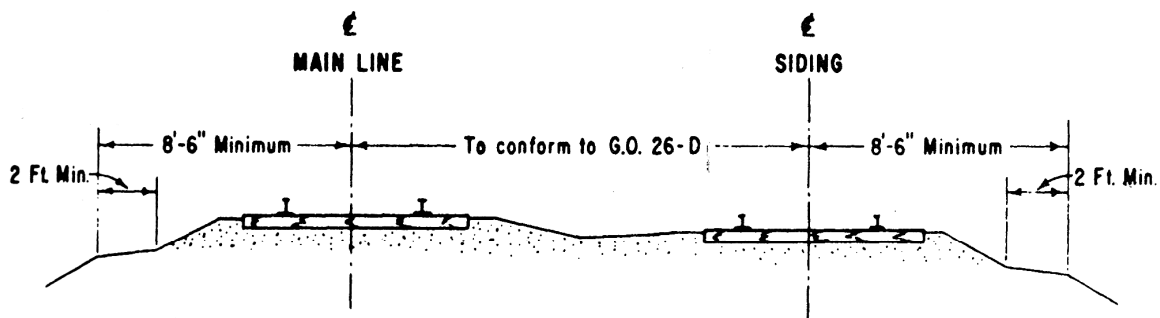
(3) During periods of heavy rain or snow, derailments, rock and earth slides, and other abnormal periods, including reasonable duration of time after return to normal to permit necessary restoration.

Walkways shall provide a reasonable regular surface with gradual slope not to exceed approximately one inch to eight inches.

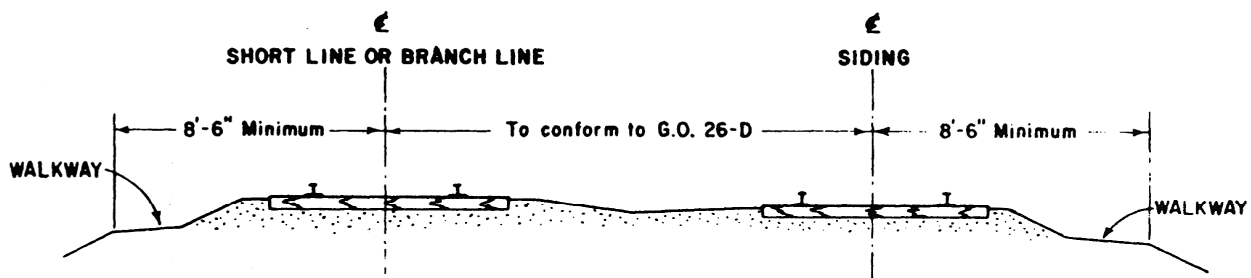


STANDARD No. 1
WALKWAYS ALONG MAIN LINE TRACKS

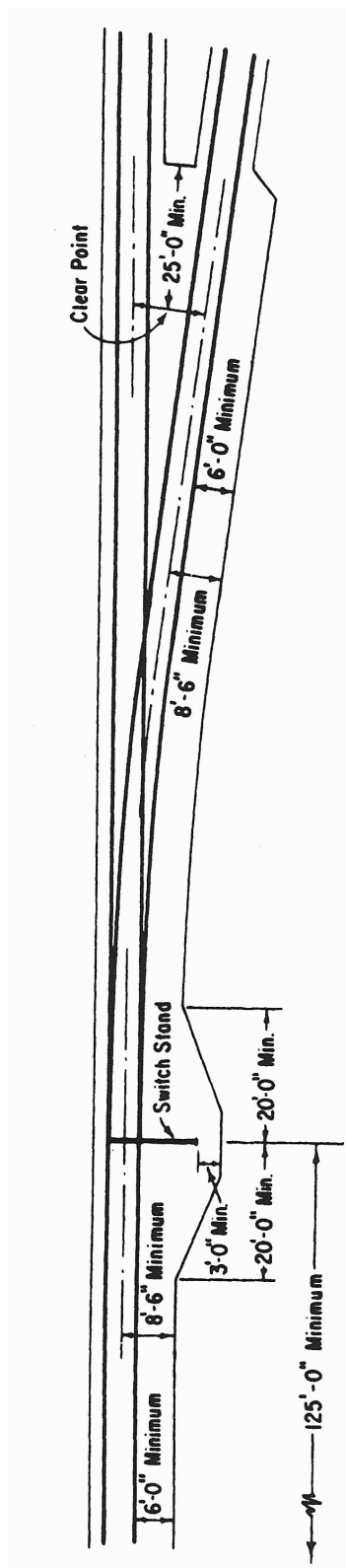
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STANDARD No. 2
WALKWAYS ALONG MAIN LINE TRACKS

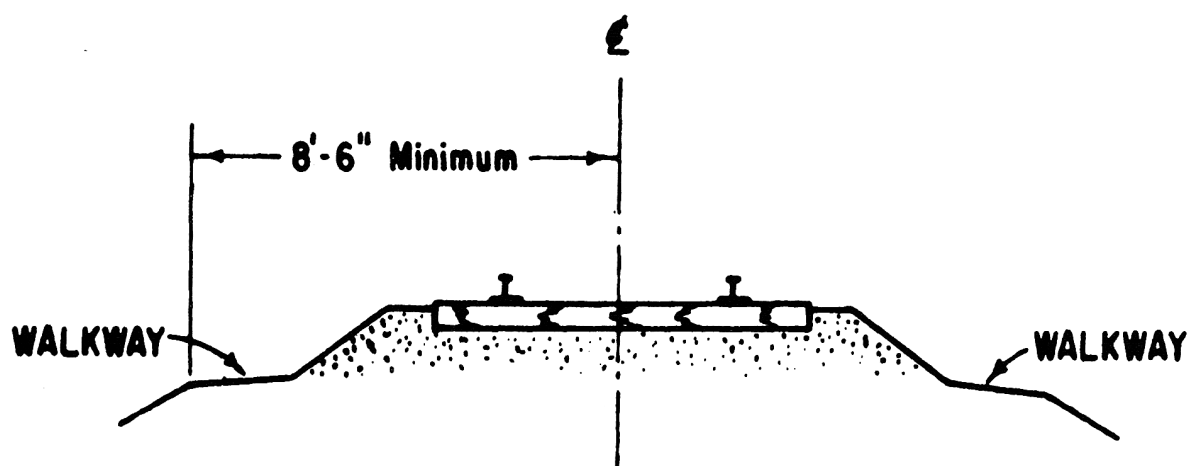


STANDARD No. 2-A
WALKWAYS ALONG SHORT LINE AND BRANCH LINE TRACKS



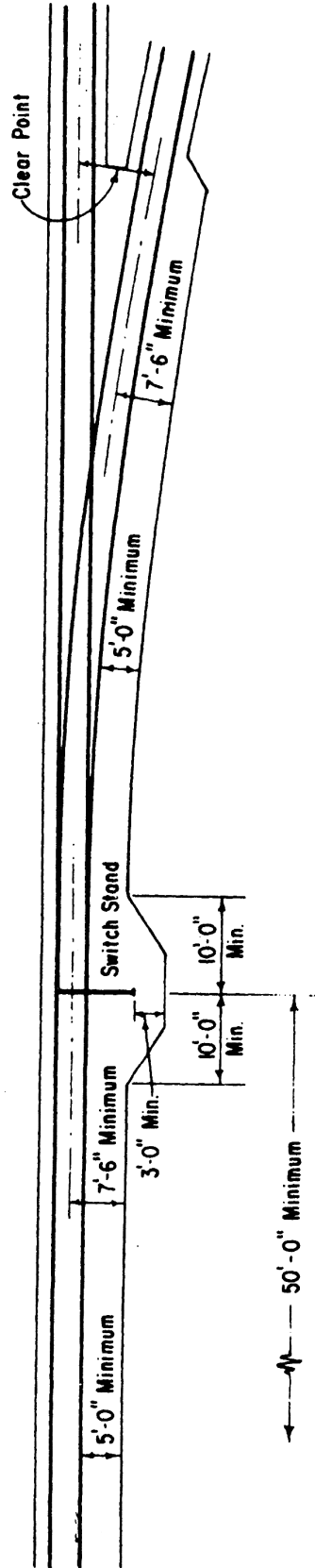
STANDARD No. 3

WALKWAYS AT MAIN LINE SWITCHES ENTERING YARDS AND SERVING
INDUSTRY TRACKS EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN STANDARD No. 5



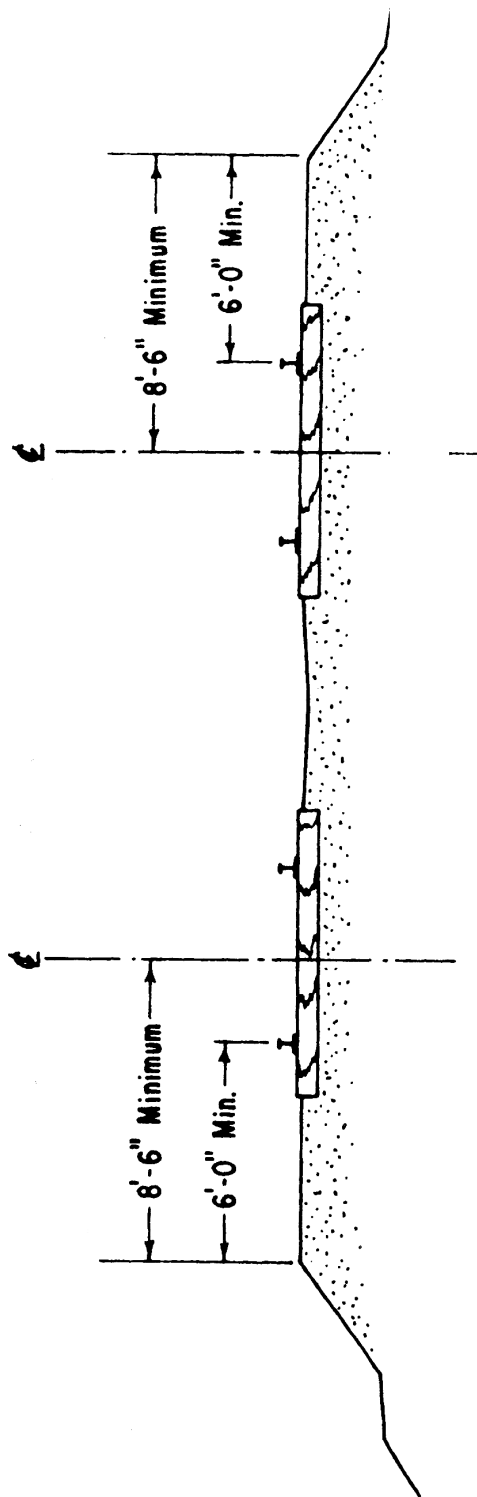
STANDARD No. 4

WALKWAYS ALONG SHORT LINE AND BRANCH LINE TRACKS



STANDARD No. 5

WALKWAYS AT SHORT LINE AND BRANCH LINE SWITCHES,
AND LOCATIONS WHERE SWITCHES ARE POWER OPERATED



STANDARD No. 6

WALKWAYS IN YARDS AND POINTS WHERE INDUSTRIAL SWITCHING IS PERFORMED, BUT NOT LESS THAN 50 FT. IN ADVANCE OF SWITCH.